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Re: DOCKET NUMBER 98P-0151/CP1

DEAR SIR:

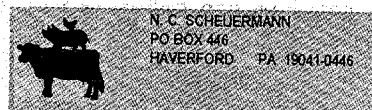
I AM AWARE THAT USDA WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT
GROUND BEEF THAT INCLUDES PRODUCT FROM NON-AMBULATORY
CATTLE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 'DOWNERS'. THE DEVELOPMENT SHOWS
A GROWING CONSENSUS-EVEN AMONG INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS-THAT THE MARKETING AND SLAUGHTER OF DOWNED
ANIMALS CAUSES INTENSE ANIMAL SUFFERING AND POSES AN
UNNECESSARY HEALTH RISK.

IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU INCLUDE THE ADMINISTRATION
TO URGE THAT BARM SANCTUARY'S PETITION TO PROHIBIT THE
SLAUGHTER OF DOWNED ANIMALS.

SINCERELY YOURS,

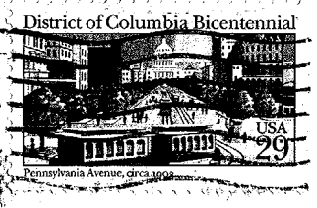
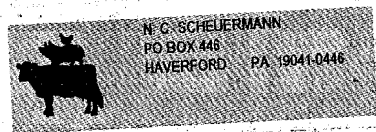


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